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October 4, 2005

Ms. Ann Glubczynski  
Humboldt County Department of Public Works  
1106 Second Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Ms. Glubczynski:

**Subject:** Coverage under Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

**File:** Humboldt Co. PWD, Gravel Extraction, Lower Eel River  
WDID No. 1B02129WNHU

On June 21, 2005, you submitted an application to this office for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements on behalf of Humboldt County Department of Public Works. On June 21, 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (General WDR). Initial review of the application indicated that Humboldt County's Lower Eel River gravel extraction activities would be eligible for coverage under the General WDR.

On August 11, 2005, we posted a public notice for your project on our web site, and a 21-day public comment period has taken place. We received comments during the public comment period. Regional Water Board staff have considered the comments and have determined that authorized discharges from Humboldt County's proposed gravel extraction operations will comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act and State law. Copies of the comment letter from the Voice Family and our letter responding to their comments are enclosed.

This letter hereby informs Humboldt County Department of Public Works that their proposed aggregate extraction activities on the Lower Eel River near Fernbridge are now subject to the requirements of General WDR Order No. R1-2005-0011. The identification number for this

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project file will be WDID No. 1B02129WNHU. This number should be included on all future correspondence related to this matter.

We encourage all appropriate personnel to review and become familiar with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. Please call Dean Prat of our staff at (707) 576-2801 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Catherine E. Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

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Enclosure:

1. Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"
2. Comment letter from the Voice Family
3. Regional Water Board staff's letter responding to comments submitted by the Voice Family

cc: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, P.O. Box 4863, Eureka, CA 95502  
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